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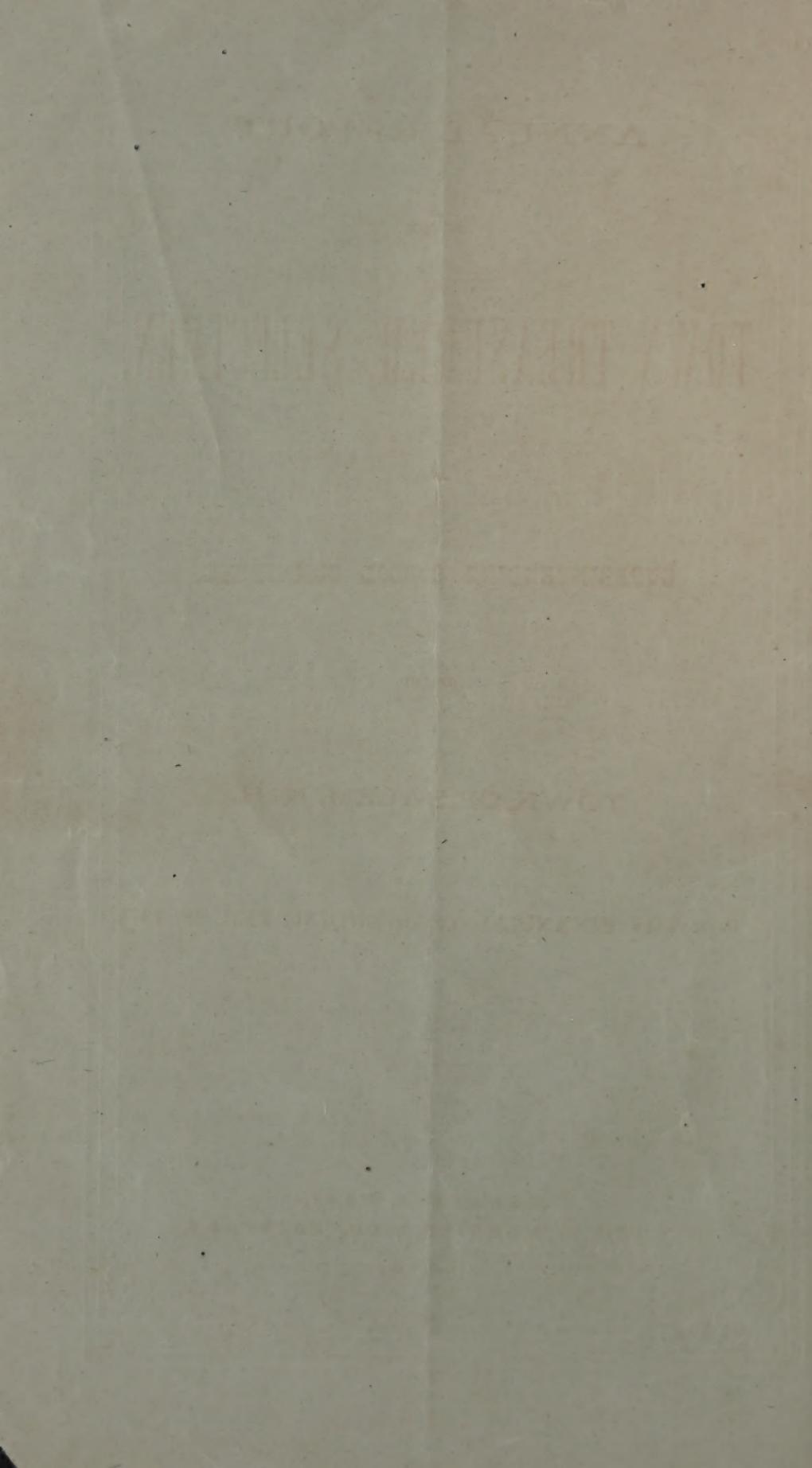
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1870.

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TOWN CLERK.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

GEORGE N. AUSTIN, WILLIAM B. KIMBALL,  
GILMAN D. KELLY.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOEL A. STEELE.

COLLECTOR.

JOHN AUSTIN.

AUDITORS.

EDWARD GRIFFIN, DANIEL N. RUSS,  
ABRAHAM H. MERRILL.

CONSTABLE.

ASA S. AUSTIN.

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

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### RECEIVED.

Cash rec'd of former Treasurer,	\$655 45
"    Gilman D. Kelley,	100 00
"    Mary Allen,	200 00
"    Jonathan Cluff, for oven,	160 00
"    Washington Woodbury,	200 00
"    County for support of paupers,	227 35
"    Dean Emerson,	200 00
"    Eliphalet Coburn,	1,500 00
"    Jonathan G. Clough,	100 00
"    Mary Allen,	100 00
"    Enoch Taylor,	354 44
"    State Treasurer, Liter- ary fund,	121 22
"    State Treasurer, Rail- road tax,	536 69
"    State Treasurer, Sav- ings Bank tax,	88 95
"    William P. Merrill, for horse,	50 00
"    Obadiah Duston,	150 00
"    Jemima Hall,	495 54
"    Town of Atkinson, for support of Hosea Evans,	25 00
"    Town of Atkinson, no- tice of Hosea Evans case,	9 07
"    William G. Crowell, for support of Charles Silver,	250 00
"    Daniel J. Day,	496 47

Cash rec'd of John Austin, uncollected taxes for 1869,	\$2,231 32
" John Austin, in part for taxes, 1870,	10,168 08
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	\$18,419 58

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.—Town appropriation,	\$184 71
Railroad money	53 66
Literary Fund,	37 86
Special School Tax,	125 00
Dog tax,	22 00
	423 23
District No. 2.—Town appropriation,	48 47
Railroad money,	53 66
Literary Fund,	9 93
Dog tax,	22 00
	134 06
District No. 3.—Town appropriation,	57 99
Railroad money,	53 66
Literary Fund,	11 88
Dog tax,	22 00
	145 53
District No. 4.—Town appropriation	102 70
Railroad money,	53 66
Literary Fund,	21 05
Dog tax,	22 00
	199 41
District No. 5.—Town appropriation,	87 70
Railroad money,	53 66
Literary Fund,	17 97
Dog tax,	22 00
	181 33
District No. 6.—Town appropriation,	209 50
Railroad money,	53 66
Literary Fund,	42 94
Dog tax,	22 00
	328 10
District No. 7.—Town appropriation,	89 41
Railroad money,	53 66
Literary Fund,	18 32
Dog tax,	22 00
	183 39
District No. 8.—Town apprapriation,	85 23
Railroad money,	53 66

	Literary Fund,	17 47	
	Dog tax,	22 00	178 36
District No. 9.—	Town appropriation,	84 92	
	Railroad money,	53 66	
	Literary Fund,	17 40	
	Dog tax,	22 00	177 98
District No. 10.—	Town appropriation,	72 04	
	Railroad money,	53 66	
	Literary Fund,	14 76	
	Dog tax,	22 00	162 46
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			\$2,113 85

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid William L. Bradford, working highway tax in District No. 1,	39 43
John Webber, working highway tax in District No. 2,	30 00
Robert Emerson,	Dist. No. 3. 35 00
William Stanton,	4, 16 00
John F. Smith,	5, 45 00
John F. Snaith, repairing bridge,	8 00
Isaac Thom, work highway tax,	6, 85 00
Charles Kimball, " "	7, 42 00
Charles Kimball, straightening road,	15 00
Darius M. Thom, working highway tax,	8, 22 00
Jerome B. Colby, "	" 9, 18 00
Charles V. Butler, "	" 10, 55 00
Philip Ayer, "	" 11, 30 00
Francis B. Kelley, "	" 12, 130 00
Dean Woodbury, "	" 13, 18 83
William P. Merrill, "	" 14, 30 00
Prescott B. Emerson, "	" 15, 40 00
Charles W. Kimball, "	" 16, 33 00
Nathaniel H. Paul, "	" 17, 59 60
William Taylor, "	" 18, 115 00
Morse Bailey, "	" 19, 110 00
Samuel Cook, "	" 20, 63 00
Albertus Coburn, "	" 21, 20 00
John Clark, "	" 22, 35 32

Paid S. P. Kelley, working highway tax,		
	Dist. No. 23,	80 00
S. P. Kelley, 325 feet plank,		8 00
Moses A. Kelley, working highway tax,	24,	60 00
John W. Cluff,	" " 25,	25 00
Benj. Woodbury,	" " 26,	35 00
Levi Cluff,	" " 27,	47 00
John P. Bodwell,	" " 28,	35 00
Aaron G. Wilson,	" " 29,	32 00
Robert H. McDonald,	" " 31,	17 30
Asa C. Livingston, repairing bridge and road,		13 87
Benj. R. Wheeler, repairing bridge near Joseph Webster's,		55 45
Samuel H. Palmer, repairing bridge,		6 75
Wm. G. Crowell, $5\frac{1}{8}$ tons pine timber for bridge,		15 38
G. D. Kelley, repairing highway and gravel,		7 35
A. J. Silver, land for new road,		1 00
Livi Cluff, repairing bridge.		8 85
Isaac B. Corliss, repairing bridge and covering stone,		15 00
Robert H. McDonald, repairing bridge,		1 50
Prescott B. Emerson, repairing bridge,		2 50
Moores Baitey, repairing bridge,		21 25
Stringers, sticks, for railings and spikes,		19 10
Repairing highway,		2 01
Richard Taylor, 776 feet plank,		13 98
Four Stringers, 1931 feet,		38 62
C. V. Butler, repairing highway and bridge,		9 20
James F. Fletcher, land for channel for brook at the new bridge, near J. M. Graham's,		2 00
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		\$1,668 29

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

Paid Silas Hall, working non-resident highway taxes in 1868,	\$14 94
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## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SNOW PATHS.

Ezra B. Hall,	breaking roads,	\$2 75
Harvey Harris,	" "	7 17
Thaddeus Richardson,	" "	5 66
William Stanton,	" "	4 60
Hiram Woodbury,	" "	15 75
Isaac Woodbury,	" "	3 29
Benjamin E. Chase,	" "	2 00
Philip Ayer,	" "	5 58
Isachar O. Foster,	" "	1 33
Tristram C. Adams,	" "	7 33
Isaac B. Corliss,	" "	1 00
Charles W Kimball,	" "	8 71
Charles L. Wilson,	" "	5 70
Asa C. Livingston,	" "	4 41
Benjamin R. Wheeler,	" "	2 50
Daniel Merrill,	" "	11 00
Richard Taylor,	" "	7 67
Isaiah Woodbury,	" "	8 08
Charles V. Butler,	" "	13 03
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		\$117 56

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CONTINGENCIES.

Paid Seth Hall, note and interest,	\$495 54
D. Emerson, note and interest,	206 63
D. Emerson, part pay, note,	100 00
O. Duston, 4 notes and interest,	815 80
Cyrus Wilson, part pay of note,	75 00
M. F. Austin, note and interest,	209 25
Enoch Taylor, " "	354 44
Abigail Austin, " "	318 00
John L. Prince, interest on note,	12 00
John H. Danlap, " "	7 61
D. Emerson, note and interest,	409 31
Hiram Cross, " "	226 74
Mary Allen, " "	99 60
Nancy Wheeler, " "	656 80
Henrietta Currier, part pay of note,	100 00

Paid Henrietta Currier, note and interest,	363 94
Geo. S. Merrill & Co., printing reports for 1869,	56 00
Joseph Buxton, dinners for Selectmen in 1868,	9 45
Amos Wheeler, preparing wood for Town House,	1 00
J. C. Dow & Co., paper and ink,	3 50
Benj. E. Woodman, return of 37 births and deaths,	9 25
William B. Kimball, balance services as Selectman,	6 00
Levi Cluff, services as Town Treasurer,	40 00
Balance services as Selectmen,	10 00
John Austin, printing tax bill,	5 00
Collecting taxes, for 1869,	148 00
Tristram C. Webster, damage done to himself and horse, by breaking through bridge,	100 00
State Treasurer, for State tax,	2,352 00
County Treasurer, for County tax,	1,706 41
Geo. S. Merrill & Co., printing blanks,	4 00
Isaac Woodbury, services as moderator, 2 days,	4 00
William Stanton, maintaining public watering trough,	3 00
Asa S. Austin, notifying town officers,	10 63
Joseph Buxton, 28 dinners for Selectmen,	12 60
Amos Emerson, repairing wall around old cemetery,	3 50
Aaron G. Wilson, one-half cord wood for town house,	3 00
Ann Loomis, part payment of note,	5 00

Paid Edward Griffin, services and expense as Auditor for 1868 and 1869,	12 00
John Austin, discount on taxes,	568 08
J. A. Steele, services as sup't school committee,	65 00
Dan'l J. Day, note and interest,	496 47
Lewis A. Hunt, school-house tax, District No. 10,	30 00
V. A. Merrill, school-house tax, District No. 2,	100 00
Gilman D. Kelly, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	37 50
William B. Kimball, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	71 00
Silas Hall, balance, selectman and overseer of poor, 1869,	7 00
Benjamin R. Wheeler, services as town clerk, from March 1, 1870, to March 1, 1871,	44 00
Geo. Woodbury, services as auditor, and team to Lawrence,	5 00
Geo. N. Austin, cash paid for dinners while taking invoice,	9 00
George N. Austin, use of horse taking invoice, and other times,	26 00
George N. Austin, cash paid for expense to get county money,	2 85
George N. Austin, cash paid for expense to pay state tax,	2 70
George N. Austin, cash paid for expense to pay county tax,	50
George N. Austin, cash paid for stamps,	2 87
George N. Austin, for recording taxes,	10 17
G. N. Austin, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	80 90

Paid George N. Austin, for self and team to Lawrence, to get coffin for Nancy Parker,	2 50
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	\$10,516 54

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ABATEMENTS.

Paid John Austin, collector for 1869,	70 38
Amos C. Rollins,	2 46
Gridley B. Rowell,	1 00
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	\$73 84

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. G. Clough, balance services as super- intendent for 1869,	100 00
Aaron G. Wilson, pair of oxen,	180 00
G. C. Howard, medicine and attendance, for Daniel Butler,	13 00
Asa S. Austin, wagon shaft and making drag,	3 00
James W. Smith, laying out barn cellar,	1 25
John Hall, blacksmith work,	5 75
Rodney Woodbury, cutting 17 1-2 cords wood,	17 50
J. B. Gardner, cutting timber, 19 1-2 days,	19 50
Alonzo E. Woodbury, sawing lumber,	50 00
J. G. Clough, Superintendent of Almshouse,	100 00
J. G. Clough, services in part as Superinten- dent, for 1870,	565 00

## CASH PAID FOR PAUPERS NOT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Theadosha Gage, boarding and nur- sing Nancy Parker, October 10, 1869, to September 18, 1870,	117 00
E. G. Haynes, for boarding Frank L. and Sarah L. Hildreth, from October 10, 1869, to October 10, 1870,	52 00

Paid G. C. Howard, for medicine and attendance for Hannah Rowell,	20 25
G. C. Howard, medicine and attendance for Nancy Parker,	3 00
Daniel Wiman, boarding Daniel Butler, and medicine,	26 47
Joseph Buxton, digging grave and attend- ing funeral for Nancy Parker,	4 00
K. S. Porter, coffin and robe for Nancy Parker,	20 00
George Roberts, goods delivered to Caleb Rowell,	2 00
J. Austin, goods delivered David Dunlap,	8 75
I. A. Duston, notifying town of Atkinson, pauper case, making return to clerk of court,	9 07
Joshua Merrill, boarding and nursing Hosea Evans,	25 00
James Emery, for services and medicine for Daniel Butler,	9 00
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	\$296 54

## RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of money received by Treasurer,	\$18,419 58
Paid on account of contingent ex- pense,	10,516 54
roads and bridges, 1,668 29	
snow paths, 117 56	
Almshouse, 565 00	
transient poor, 296 54	
abatement of taxes, 73 84	
non-resident high- way receipt, 14 94	
schools, 2,113 85	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$3,053 02
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	\$18,419 58

GEORGE N. AUSTIN, TOWN TREASURER.

## OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

William Crawford's note due	May 30th, 1871,	\$1,137	93
Matthew H. Taylor, "	Feb. 19th, 1871,	1,009	98
David Loud, "	Aug. 25th, 1870,	449	44
School District No. 10, "	Dec. 16th, 1870,	212	76
School District No. 2, "	Dec. 16th, 1870,	226	36
School District No. 3, "	March, 20th, 1871,	159	59
Eliphalet Coburn, "	Sept. 3d, 1871,	1,767	46
Eliphalet Coburn, "	April 3d, 1871,	952	81
Eliphalet Coburn, "	Dec. 31st, 1870,	224	72
John L. Prince, "	Oct. 21st, 1870,	200	00
Ira Sanborn, "	May 8th, 1871,	252	49
Ann Loomis, "	Oct. 10th, 1870,	6,068	79
Enoch Taylor, "	June 19th, 1871,	504	98
Enoch Taylor, "	Nov. 11th, 1870,	161	90
Enoch Taylor, "	Dec. 31st, 1870,	224	75
Enoch Taylor, "	May 25th, 1871,	375	70
Betsey Moulton, "	June 24th, 1871,	252	81
Mary Austin, "	July 26th, 1871,	5,383	27
John Taylor, "	Aug. 10th, 1871,	6,366	08
Elbridge O. Butler, "	March 4th, 1871,	677	94
John H. Dunlap, "	April 28th, 1871,	132	61
David Webster, 2d, "	Dec. 12th, 1870,	689	00
David Webster, 2d, "	Dec. 25th, 1870,	159	00
Isaiah L. Webster, "	Feb. 7th, 1871,	224	72
Isaiah L. Webster, "	Feb. 25th, 1871,	424	00
Ruth Whitaker, "	Feb. 17th, 1871,	1,123	60
Albertus Coburn, "	Dec. 29th, 1871,	561	80
S. G. Jewett, "	July 23d, 1871,	297	75
Benjamin Day, "	June 29th, 1870,	1,142	96
Eliza A. D. Kimball, "	June 29th, 1870,	1,142	96
Mary A. Duston, "	Oct. 1st, 1870,	4,240	00
Mary A. Duston, "	Oct. 1st, 1870,	530	00
B. Pettengill, "	Jan. 10th, 1871,	318	00
Albertus Coburn, "	Feb. 22d, 1871,	848	00
Obadiah Duston, "	Feb. 22d, 1871,	106	00
Jane Paul, "	Jan. 18th, 1871,	1,262	48
Cyrus Wilson, "	March 21st, 1870,	156	70
Mary Renou, "	Dec. 4th, 1870,	435	27
Mary Duston, "	Aug. 16th, 1870,	133	82
Benjamin F. Wheeler, "	Aug. 15th, 1870,	689	26

Nathaniel B. Duston, note due Oct. 13th, 1870,	\$212 16
Eliphalet Coburn, " Feb. 22d, 1871,	1,060 00
Joseph A. Cross, " March 6th, 1871,	898 88
Gilman D. Kelley, " March 26th, 1871,	106 00
Mary Allen, " March 17th, 1871,	212 00
Washington Woodbury, " April 13th, 1871,	212 00
Johnathan G. Clough, " April 19th, 1871,	106 00
Dean Emerson, " April 27th, 1871,	
Eliphalet Coburn, " April 30th, 1871,	1,590 00
Mary Allen, " May 9th, 1871,	106 00
Obadiah Duston, " Jan. 19th, 1871,	150 00
Jemima Hall, " Jan. 30th, 1871,	495 54
Daniel J. Day, " Feb. 22d, 1871,	496 47
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	\$46,872 71

## DUE THE TOWN.

From the County for support of paupers,	30 00
United States, for bounties,	3,153 20
John Austin, uncollected taxes for 1869,	78 00
John Austin, uncollected taxes, 1870,	2,834 38
John Austin, interest on uncollected taxes,	113 31
Town Treasurer,	3,053 02
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	9,261 91
Leaving a balance against the Town of	\$37,610 80

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT AT ALMSHOUSE.

DR.	
To cash on hand,	\$70 57
" for milk,	110 00
" butter,	65 00
" pigs,	106 50
" meat,	60 50
" calves,	30 50
" Town Treasurer,	100 00
" potatoes,	20 80
" eggs,	20 00
" straw,	29 74
" rye,	7 00
" labor of farm,	15 00
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	\$635 61

## SUPERINTENDENT.

	C.R.
By cash paid for supplies,	165 19
"    flour, meal and shorts,	111 50
"    dry goods,	32 63
"    soap and painting,	25 08
"    labor on the farm,	76 10
"    boots and shoes,	8 85
"    hay, seed and scythes,	3 80
"    phosphate lime and plough points,	10 27
"    fork and pick,	3 75
"    funnel and paper,	4 00
"    fish and coffee,	9 87
"    filing saws, and mending tin ware,	3 00
"    chain and plank,	4 50
"    cheese and sundries,	10 70
"    meat,	27 83
"    scythe and nails,	2 81
"    baskets and churn,	9 00
"    fixing chimney and grinding corn,	3 00
"    tobacco, oil and rifles,	4 00
"    white-washing	2 50
"    labor on barn cellar,	96 25
"    balance in Superintendent's hands,	20 98
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	\$635 61

J. G. CLOUGH, SUP'T.

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Received of J. G. Clough, cash and supplies,	\$614 63
"    County, for support of paupers,	227 35
Due from County, for support of paupers,	30 00
Received of Jonathan Cluff, one pair oxen,	160 00
"    William P. Merrill, one horse,	50 00
"    William G. Crowell, for support of Charles Silver,	250 00
Due from J. G. Clough,	20 98
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Total amount of receipts,	\$1,352 96
Cash paid on account of Almshouse,	565 00

Cash paid J. G. Clough, for supplies,	614 63
"    on account of transient poor,	296 54
"    outstanding debt for support of paupers,	20 00
Due J. G. Clough, in part for services,	200 00
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Total amount,	\$1,696 17
Leaving a balance against the town of \$343 21	
We have paid for expense on barn cellar,	97 50
"    "    cutting and sawing lumber,	87 00
"    "    supt's services for 1869,	100 00
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	\$284 50

This amount is included in the the Almshouse account.

Number of paupers at Town Farm, males 5 ; females 3 ; total 8.

GEORGE N. AUSTIN, } Overseers  
WM. B. KIMBALL,   } of  
GILMAN D. KELLY. } Poor.

#### PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

Cash received of former treasurer.	5 87
"    "    for lots	21 25
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	\$27 12
Cash paid for labor	8 00
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Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$19 12

GEO. N. AUSTIN,  
WM. B. KIMBALL,   } Committee.  
GILMAN D. KELLY. }

The Auditors having examined the foregoing accounts find them correctly cast and satisfactorily vouched for.

EDWARD GRIFFIN,  
ABRAHAM H. MERRILL,   } Auditors.  
DANIEL N. RUSS. }

## APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Nine tons English hay, \$225 00; 1 pair oxen, 195 00; 4 cows, 220 00; 2 heifers, 60 00; 1 yearling bull, 25 00; 20 fowls, 18 00; 3 ladders, 4 50; 5 hay forks, 2 50; 2 shovels, 1 75; 3 manure forks, 3 50; 3 iron bars, 3 00; 1 drag rake, 50; 2 sleighs, 30 00; 1 horse rake, 1 00; 1 harrow, 4 00; meal boxes, .50; 1 cow bell, .50; gutter and trough, 1 50; hand-sled and wheelbarrow, 3 00; 1 horse-sled, 2 00; 1 pig rack, .50; 1 ox sled, 4 00; 2 bush scythes, 2 00; 1 ox cart, 45 00; drag, 3 00; 4 hoes, 2 00; 2 flails and manure hook, .75; 12 chains, 10 00; 1 harness, 12 00; 1 draft harness, 1 00; 1 garden hoe and rake, .50; 1 corn cutter and sickle, .75; grindstone, 3 00; 1 horse wagon, 40 00; 2 wash board, .20; 1 white wash brush, 25; 2 umbrellas, 1 00; 2 picks, 1 50; 4 ploughs, 20 00; 2 brass kettles, 3 00; beetle and wedges, 1 50; 1 clothes line, .75; 2 wash tubs, 1 00; 1 cultivator, 4 50; 5 shoats, 75 00; 80 lbs. shorts, 1 60; 4 bushels meal, 4 00; 3 churns, 7 00; pails and kegs, 2 00; cheese press and fixing, 5 00; 1 butter box, 1 50; 29 lbs. butter, 13 05; 55 lbs. lard, 11 00; tin ware, 20 00; lanterns, 1 00; 4 stone jars, and earthen pots, 1 00; shovel and tongs, .50; 4 flat irons, 2 00; lamps and candle sticks, 1 00; 1 pair steelyards, .50; tray and mortar, .50; 2 mirrors and 2 clocks, 3 00; trunks and chest of drawers, 12 00; lot jugs, 2 00; lot crockery, 8 00; warming pan, and bed pan, 2 00; 1 buffalo robe, 1 00; 3 halters, 1 00; curry comb, brush and wrench, 1 00; trap and card, 1 00; 7 axes and 1 hatchet, 5 75; 6 saws, 3 00; cross cut saw, 1 00; 2 scythes and snaths, 3 00; 8 milk cans, 3 58; 2 yokes, 4 00; 8 bags, 2 50; set of measures, .75; 10 bushels corn, 10 00; 11 bushels rye, 13 75; rye meal, 1 50; 2 rakes, .50; 2 scalding tubs, .50; 1 1-2 bush. beans, 3 00; baskets, 3 00; vinegar and cask, 8 00; cider and casks, 10 00; safe crib and lumber, 2 00; 5 augers and bog hoe, 1 25; 2 iron squares, .75; shaving horse and vise, 1 00; chest and carpenters tools, 2 50, 2 fire shovels, .50; rasps and files, .50; hammer and stone tools, 3 50; 2 bread axes, 2 00; lot of old iron, 4 50; clothes wringer, 5 00; desk and shoe tools, 1 00; carpenter tools, 5 00; sideboard, 5 00; 16 feather beds, 125 00; 26 pillows,

9 00 ; quilts and comfortors, 35 00 ; 35 pillow cases, 6 00 ;  
 9 bolsters, 5 00 ; wearing apparel, 50 00 ; chairs and tables,  
 16 00 ; 10 pair sheets, 26 00 ; pickles, 1 00 ; 18 towels,  
 2 00 ; oil table cloth, 1 50 ; matches, .60 ; 1-2 lb. tea, .63 ;  
 spices, 1 50 ; cupboard, 2 00 ; lot books, 1 00 ; window  
 curtains, 3 00 ; knives and forks, 2 00 ; spoons, .50 ; iron  
 ware, 3 50 ; bedsteads, 20 00 ; candles, .40 ; handcuffs, 1 00 ;  
 10 straw beds, 8 00 ; 150 lbs. beef, 18 00 ; 20 lbs. sausage  
 3 00 ; soap, 3 50 ; 45 bushels potatoes, 45 00 ; apples,  
 11 00 ; turnips, 5 00 ; lot casks, 5 00 ; 200 lbs. pork,  
 38 00 ; 20 lbs. mackerel, 2 40 ; ashes, .50 ; 30 lbs. dried  
 apples, 3 00 ; bed cord, 1 00 ; meat bench, 1 50 ; fetters,  
 1 00 ; 100 lbs. ham, 18 00 ; 2 table cloths, 2 00 ; 1 wooden  
 bowl, .75 ; 15 lbs. tallow, 1 50 ; 3 stoves and funnel,  
 60 00 ; 2 iron kettles, 1 00 ; sugar, 1 00.      \$1,878 46

## APPRaisal OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Town Farm,	\$4,800 00
Wood land,	100 00
Town House,	1,000 00
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Personal property at Almshouse,	\$5,000 00
Town safe,	1,878 46
Hearse and runners,	450 00
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	450 00
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	\$8,678 46

A N N U A L   R E P O R T  
OF THE  
Superintending School Committee, for the Town of Salem, N. H.  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1871.

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DISTRICT No. 1.

The Schools in this district, in accordance with the provisions of the Somersworth Act, have been superintended by a Committee of the district, whose report is appended. No remarks of ours in regard to schools or school-houses should be understood as applying to this district.

DISTRICT No. 2.

This district, the smallest in town, has manifested an interest in the education of its children, which we wish might be imitated by other and larger districts. The schoolhouse has been removed and repaired at an expense of one hundred dollars. The school was taught in the summer by Miss Hattie P. Corliss, and in the winter by Miss Aurelia A. Gardner. Both teachers succeeded in gaining the affection of their pupils and the approbation of their parents. Diligence, earnestness and improvement, have characterized the school during the year.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Aurelia A. Gardner. The teacher labored faithfully and yet with less of success than could be desired. For this, perhaps, she should not be held entirely responsible, as she subsequently taught in another district with credit to herself, and to the entire satisfaction of the district.

### DISTRICT No. 4.

This school has been peculiarly fortunate in its teachers for three years past. Constant progress has been made, and it now ranks among the first in town. Miss Mary F. Pingree has taught the past year and proved herself a laborious, conscientious and successful teacher.

### DISTRICT No. 5.

This district presents the strange anomaly of the worst school-house and, yet one of the best schools in town. Of the teacher, Miss Julia M. Wright, we need not speak. Her praise is in all the districts where she has taught. We fully endorse the high encomiums passed upon her by our predecessor in office. She closes her second year in this school with not a whit less of popularity than she commenced it. The parents of the children have evinced their appreciation of her labors by raising a handsome sum to lengthen the school, and by many testimonials of affection and respect.

### DISTRICT No. 6.

This School was taught in the summer by Miss A. D. Richardson, an experienced and accomplished teacher. She was well known in the district, having taught previously with great success. During the term her previous well-earned reputation was fully sustained.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Thomas A. Savage, a

student of Dartmouth College, who came to us well recommended, and was no doubt fully competent to teach the school. He was somewhat unfortunate, however, in his methods of discipline, and in his innovations upon certain time honored practices of the school room. There was much dissatisfaction among the scholars and some complaint by parents. One scholar was expelled. The teacher was sustained by some of the best citizens of the district, and his school generally regarded as by no means a failure.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Eldora A. Barber, a young lady of most excellent literary qualifications, and great modesty and sweetness of character. This was her first school. She failed to govern her scholars properly, and of course accomplished less in instruction than she otherwise would have done.

The winter term has been taught by Miss M. Ella Underwood. The school is still in progress. Good order prevails, great interest in study is manifest, the recitations by older scholars have been the most satisfactory of any we have heard in town, and teacher and scholars are worthy of much commendation.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

This School has been taught, summer and winter, by Miss Mary L. Webster. The teacher has evidently had the hearts of all her pupils as well as their parents. We noticed a slight disposition to disorder on the part of the younger scholars, but on the whole regard the school as a great success. The aim of the teacher seemed to be to teach a few things and teach them thoroughly. She entered into her work with great enthusiasm, and infused a good degree of her own spirit into her scholars. The examination at the close of the school was exceedingly satisfactory. We were pleased to see so goodly a number of parents present on the occasion.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

This we regard as, in nearly every respect, the banner district of the town. The school-house is vastly superior to any other,

being the only one where any degree of taste or regard to the requirements of school purposes has been observed in its erection, furnishing or decorations. It is the only house in town adequately supplied with blackboards. It is the only house in town supplied with proper arrangement for ventilation. It is the only house in town affording to the scholars a commodious, convenient, and attractive place for study. Of course in such a school-room teacher and scholars must feel the influence of their surroundings. It is easier to teach, it is easier to study in such a place. With the best school-room, and evidently the greatest interest in their school, it might be expected the citizens of this district would secure the best school. And so it has proved the past year.

The summer school was taught by Miss Mary T. Currier. As her name occurs, in connection with this school, in two previous annual reports, I need not attempt a specification of her many excellent and rare qualifications for teaching. The examination, at the end of the term was creditable alike to teacher and scholars. The parents and friends manifested their interest by attending in large numbers.

The winter school has been taught by Miss Imogene Thomas. We regard it as due to the teacher, and parents who have so nobly sustained her, to make honorable mention of her name and efforts. It was a difficult task to follow so popular a teacher as was her predecessor. There was some friction at the commencement of the school, some few cases of insubordination, but all this was very judiciously managed by the teacher; the discordant elements were completely harmonized, her school brought under perfect control, and she has the satisfaction, after weeks of exhausting toil, and some severe trial, of knowing that her services are duly appreciated by the parents and scholars whom she has so faithfully served. Some of the parents, well qualified to judge in such matters, unhesitatingly declares that this is the best school they have ever had in the district. The term is lengthened four weeks by private subscription.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

Miss S. Lizzie Gordon has been employed in this school for two years, to the satisfaction of all the parents, and the great

gratification of the scholars. The school has appeared well whenever visited by the Committee, and commendable progress has been made in the studies pursued. The school-house has been greatly improved in its outside appearance by paint, the past year. A little inside adorning would not be out of place.

In closing this Report, a few practical suggestions may be profitably indulged in.

#### SCHOOL HOUSES.

With one honorable exception these are very far from what they should be. Some are but an "abomination of desolation standing where they ought not." In one district, we are happy to say, the recommendation of our predecessor has been complied with, and the school-house is now "out of the woods," and repaired internally and externally. Another hundred dollars expended upon this house would make it quite pleasant and attractive.

Of the ancient edifice situated in District No. 5, we have no disposition to speak disparagingly. Let it stand, with its boards flapping in the wind, its shingles blowing hither and thither, its surroundings so attractive and beautiful, consisting of the lumber and logs from the neighboring saw-mill, its perfect ventilation, its uncouth, uncomfortable seats, hewed and hacked by the fathers and grandfathers of the present generation of scholars, and to all appearance likely to serve for generations to come. It is not to be wondered at, that in a district where so little taste is displayed in the erection and beautifying of private dwellings, there should be little interest in the style or condition of the school-house. But in No. 6, where so much enterprise and thrift is manifest on every hand, in that most beautiful section of our town, adorned by so many costly, and truly elegant structures for private residences, where the churches, the stores, the cottages of the mechanics and farmers, and even the *barns* indicate genuine taste and refinement, we are surprised that a building, resembling more a jail than a school-house, entirely unfit for the purpose to which it is devoted, should be allowed to remain a foul blot upon the landscape, and the most unsightly structure in all the district. It is strange that such an attachment should exist for these relics of antiquity,

but so it is. The people of these districts have been faithfully admonished, until we fear, it only remains for us to say, "they are joined to their idols, let them alone."

In my report to the Board of Education of the State, I shall feel compelled to represent all the school-houses in town, with one exception, as "unfit for their purposes."

#### TEXT BOOKS.

An alarming evil prevails in all our schools, in the multiplicity of text books in use. We have felt the need of remedying this evil, but on attempting the task, found our progress stopped by the impossibility of deciding what books had been prescribed by previous Committees. Teachers had felt at liberty to place upon their registers, lists of books to suit themselves, or perhaps, such as the scholars brought to them. In revising the list we introduce no new author, but for the sake of uniformity must cut off some old ones. For the guidance of our successor and the information of parents, we insert the following list: Town's Progressive Readers; Town's Progressive Speller; Kerl's Grammar; Greenleaf's Arithmetic; Guyot's Geography, and Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Writing Books. It is exceedingly desirable that only the above books be used in the various branches named.

#### BRANCHES TAUGHT.

There has been quite a general and thorough attention to Reading, Spelling and Arithmetic, in all our schools. But other branches have been sadly neglected. In a few schools Geography has been quite generally studied, but in most, little attention has been given to it. Every scholar should be required to study this useful branch. To the younger scholars oral instruction might be imparted so that all the scholars could be reported as studying Geography. Grammar is almost universally neglected, and when it is attended to, the study is too frequently made a burlesque. Scholars should be instructed and drilled in the correct use of language. History should be studied in our schools. We cannot understand why this most interesting branch of study

should be so unpopular. We find that of the 269 scholars attending school the past term, only six have studied History.

We are pleased to notice that the scholars generally attend to Writing. The books we have examined are nearly all creditable specimens of neatness and attempts to imitate a copy. But we find little attempt on the part of the teachers to instruct thoroughly in this useful art. Children are allowed to select their own book, and nothing like system has been noticed in any school in town. Every teacher should be prepared to give instruction on the black-board. With Payson, Dunton & Scribner's beautiful writing-books, with such clear instructions and directions to teachers, it seems impossible but that all our children should become proficients in the use of the pen, if only teachers would do their duty.

#### PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Our intercourse with these committees has been very pleasant ; and yet a failure on their part to perform certain duties required by law, has caused us some embarrassment in the prosecution of our work. In a majority of instances we have not been informed of the commencement or close of school. In no case has that requirement of the law that the register shall be deposited with the Superintending Committee, been complied with. These committees, we believe, have without exception been well qualified for their office. Due care has been exercised in the employment of teachers, the school-houses have been looked after and kept in repair as far as funds placed at their disposal would allow, and the teachers have been properly sustained and encouraged in their work.

With the accompanying statistical table, this report is closed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. STEELE,

*Superintending Committee.*

Distict.	Summer or Winter.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Weeks.	Whole No. of scholars attending in the year.	Average attendence.	Wages of teach-ers per month.	Household Tax.	Literary Fund.	Dog-Tax.	Visits of Super-intendents of the town.	Visits by citizens of the town.	Prudential Committee,		
1	First Term. Grammar, Primary,	Ila Mullen, Hannah C. Webster,	8 8	39 19	31 36	\$32 00 20 00	184 71	53 66	37 86	22 00	2	2	17 20	
2	2d Term. Grammar, Primary,	Hannah C. Webster, Maria Wheeler,	9 11	34 37	27 30	32 00 24 00	48 47	53 66	9 93	22 00	1	0	6 4	
3	3d Term. Grammar, Primary,	Hannah C. Webster, Hannah C. Webster,	10 8	45 15	41 13	32 00 24 00	57 99	53 66	11 88	22 00	3	0	1 1	
4	Summer, Winter,	Latic P. Corliss, Amelia A. Gardner,	8 14	13 15	11 13	22 00 25 00	102 70	53 66	21 05	22 00	2	1	20 14	
5	Summer, Winter,	Aurelia A. Gardner, N. Jennie Mills,	10 12	27 37	21 31	25 00 24 00	28 00	28 00	17 97	22 00	3	0	21 10	
6	Summer, Winter,	Mary F. Pingree, Julia M. Wright,	12 16	30 28	25 23	28 00 27 00	87 70	53 66	17 97	22 00	3	0	3 3	
7	Summer, Winter,	Julia M. Wright, Anna D. Richardson,	13 12	29 55	18 40	27 00 32 00	27 00	20 9 50	53 66	42 94	22 00	2	0	6 3
8	Summer, Winter,	Thomas A. Savage, M. Ella Underwood,	7 16	23 25	19 35	20 00 32 00	89 41	53 66	18 32	22 00	2	0	5 0	
9	Summer, Winter,	Many L. Webster, Mary T. Currier,	8 10	40 56	28 22	28 00 32 00	85 23	53 66	17 47	22 00	2	0	5 24	
10	Summer, Winter,	Emogene Thomas, S. Lizzie Gordon,	16 12	34 23	27 20	32 00 20 00	84 92	53 66	17 40	22 00	2	2	25 23	
		S. Lizzie Gordon,	12	19	17	24 00	72 04	53 66	14 76	22 00	3	1	15 15	

REPORT OF THE  
**SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,**  
OF DISTRICT NO. 1,  
IN THE TOWN OF SALEM.

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PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

First term Miss H. C. Webster of Derry, Teacher. This was Miss Webster's first term of teaching, but notwithstanding this she was very successful, and the school made rapid progress under her instruction.

The second term was under the instruction of Miss Marie Wheeler of New York. Miss Wheeler is a teacher of considerable experience, and a very able teacher. The order and discipline were very good indeed, and the school made very rapid progress under her instruction.

The third term commencing to-day, Feb. 27, is under the instruction of Miss Webster, who taught the first term of this school. At this time we cannot tell the success of the school; but with the experience the teacher has since her first term, we have no fears as to the result of this term.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT.

The first term was commenced under the instruction of Miss Ida Mullen of Derry, a teacher of experience and ability, and commenced with every prospect of success; but owing to sickness she was obliged to give up the school after teaching four weeks.

It was then taken by Miss Webster after the close of the primary school, and carried through very successfully.

The second and third terms were also taught by Miss Webster, and were very successful. Order and discipline were well maintained, and the schools made good progress. On the whole, your Committee believe we have been very fortunate in the selection of teachers, and that the schools have been as successful as could be expected, with the facilities we have for a graded school.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

The schools in this district have for the last four years been operated under the provisions of the Somersworth Act, and we believe that for a district as large as this, it may be made very beneficial to the district; but we do not believe that the district can receive all the benefits that the act was intended to confer.

With the present facilities for school room, the present school-house should be enlarged or another built, so that both schools may be in operation at the same time; and your Committee would earnestly urge upon the district, the necessity of providing another school-room the coming Spring, believing that with another school room, and a small assessment every year above what is required by law, we could have two schools operated almost the entire year, and very much of the money that is paid annually for the education of our young men and women, might be saved, and a liberal common school education given to all who are disposed to take the benefits of the district school.

Your Committee are very glad to be able to say that a marked improvement has been made the past year in the interest taken by parents in the district, in the frequent visits made to the schools; and they earnestly hope that they will be continued, believing that by seeing the parents interested in the schools, it will stimulate the scholars to greater exertions in their respective studies, and result beneficially to the school.

GEO. C. GORDON, } Superintending  
DANIEL M. RUSS, } School Committee,  
WILLIAM B. AYER. } District No. 1.





